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KUNG HAY FAT CHOY.

Local China New Year Observances.

FESTIVE SPIRIT PREVAILS.

Larger Crowds And More Money To Spend.

Festivities prevail in Hong Kong to-day on account of China New Year which is being celebrated in time-honoured style.

Large crowds—probably due to the influx from Canton and elsewhere—were apparent. Most people had more money to spend and the recent signs are encouraging.

Ladies with bobbed hair were seen in large numbers in gorgeous silks which had been cut to carry a mode with an Occidental touch.

Annual Settlement.

Rumours were current the year before that all would not be well, and an atmosphere of quiet confidence prevails to-day, auguring well for a future which may show that Hong Kong has turned the corner.

Tightness of money was a factor in the annual business settlement during the week-end, but no surprise has occurred so far, and all of the big firms seemed to have weathered the storm of the last three years.

Flowers Sold Out.

The spirit of celebration prevailed. Stalls at the bazaar were sold out long before the hour of midnight ushered in the New Year to an accompaniment of fire-crackers which had spluttered all the afternoon to see the old year out.

That feeling of desperation among vendors of New Year goods which was apparent during the strike period has vanished. Lucky flowers were bought out and joss blooms went for fancy prices.

Joy riding parties were about early, almost immediately after the annual pilgrimage to the larger temples in the Colony. "Good Luck This Year."

Yesterday and to-day, the first days of the year, were given over to visits of formal character and to dignified observances.

People wished their friends good luck during the current year—forgetting the shortage of money—and then in the same breath suggested a game of pai-kau or mah-jong, in an effort to effect the opposite to the sentiments expressed in the proverbial greeting of "Kung Hay Fat Choy."

Trams, motor-cars and ferries carried capacity loads of Chinese in the true holiday mood.

Largesse for Kiddies.

To-morrow, the third day of the year, is not considered to be good for visiting, as a superstition of gossipy quarrels is associated with it.

A gradual return to business will commence on Thursday and everybody will be working next week.

Kiddies who have received the "lucky red paper" (with a five cent piece or other coin inside) may still expect to be favoured with this form of largesse as late as the last day of the first moon.

West Point restaurants and the Chinese theatres show heavy bookings.

Carnival Dance.

On Saturday a carnival dance arranged specially in celebration of Chinese New Year was held at the Hong Kong Hotel. It attracted large attendance of merrymakers, both European and Chinese, the latter being there in good force. All concerned had a very enjoyable time until the closing hour.

No effort was spared in the decoration of the ballroom, which presented a cheerful display of colours. Flowers played a good part in the decoration. At one end of the Hall was an illuminated sign with the words "Kung Hay Fat Choy." Sandalwood was burned in the Hall, giving a real Chinese atmosphere to the carnival.

The menu offered, which was of a Chinese character, was in keeping with the occasion. There was a Chinese sweetmeat stall on the roof garden, and it was well patronised by all.

A large percentage of the dancers turned up in fancy dress, many of Chinese pattern, in pretty colours and designs. Art Smith and his Orchestra were in fine fettle, and they left nothing wanting in the way of snappy dance music.

Across the Harbour. As was the case on January 1, Kowloon had its own Chinese New

TRouble IN SAMOA.

Government Defends Policy.

DISCONTENTED EUROPEANS.

Interests Of Natives Put Before Those Of Traders.

Wellington, Yesterday. A vigorous assertion of New Zealand's future policy in regard to Samoa was made by the Prime Minister, Mr. Coates, in the course of a lengthy statement on the recent deportations of Europeans.

He said the position was serious and sufficient mischief had already been done to prejudice Samoa's prosperity for many years.

He attributed the recent disorders, partly to European discontent with the policy of prohibiting liquor. The present movement was due to the Administration's experimental native craze selling policy threatening business and the wealth of traders, of whom the deportee Nelson was the most influential.

Mr. Coates claimed that the administration and the New Zealand Government in the past six months had carried toleration to the extreme, but now an inquiry had completely vindicated the Administration. The Government was determined to enforce authority, preferring the interests of the large number of natives to the interests of a handful of Europeans.

Meanwhile Gurr, one of the three deportees from Samoa, would not be allowed to land in American Samoa.

It is reported that the Samoan natives have begun to boycott New Zealand goods.—Reuter.

ON THE MARCH.

U.S. MARINES AFTER SANDINO.

Mangua, Yesterday.

An important development in American operations in Nicaragua is marked by the departure from Leon of a force of 1,000 marines on long route march over the hill, river and jungle to the State of Nueva Segovia, where General Sandino in his mountain fastness has withstood the efforts of the United States for a twelve-month to dislodge him.—Reuter's American Service.

HOME LABOUR.

Chief's Message To The Party.

GREATER COHESION.

Mr. Ramsey MacDonald Appeals For Discipline.

London, Yesterday. Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, in endeavouring to promote greater cohesion in the Labour Party ranks as a preliminary to the new Parliamentary session, appeals in the weekly "Forward" for discipline during the "testing year."

He says for the past twelve months the Party's weakness has been from within. Censuring critics had had mostly their own way and people who cared for the Party were reluctant to hit back. But the General Election demands team work and programme bearing some relation to the possibilities.

He says the attempt to divide the Party into a right and left, which order would indicate a low and a high degree of energy in service and capacity in execution, is a fraudulent imposition upon the public.—Reuter.

WOMAN OFFICIAL.

CHARGED WITH GRAND LARCENY.

NEW YORK SENSATION.

New York, Yesterday. Mrs. Florence Knapp, the only woman ever elected to State office in New York, has been charged with forgery, grand larceny and other criminal offences in connection with the report of her administration as secretary of the 1925 State Census.

The report was prepared by a special investigator appointed by Governor Smith.—Reuter's American Service.

OILER HIT.

COLLIDES WITH BRITISH WARSHIP.

London, Sunday.

An Admiralty communiqué reporting a collision between H.M.S. "Caledon," and the Italian oiler "Antares," states the mishap occurred in Doro Channel during the dark hours of Friday morning. The "Caledon" with her bows badly damaged reached Karystof Bay.

H.M.S. "Cardiff" and "Calypso" are standing by. The "Antares" was towed by H.M.S. "Ceres" to Piraeus.

Regret is expressed that the first officer of the oiler was killed and the steward is missing.—British Wireless Service.

ADEN CHANGES.

AIR FORCE TO TAKE OVER DEFENCE.

London, Sunday.

An interesting development is recorded by the Colonial Office, which announces decision to transfer the responsibility for defence organisation at Aden from the War Office to the Air Ministry. In accordance with this decision the Royal Air Force officer will be appointed in April next to assume command and the administration of troops in the garrison.—British Wireless Service.

TRAIN TRAGEDY.

SEVEN KILLED IN INDIA.

Gorakhpur, Yesterday.

Seven were killed and 11 seriously injured in an accident to a mixed goods passenger train on the Bengal-North Western Railway between Hazaribagh and Kishenpur last night. The train broke in two, and the leading goods truck was derailed and crashed into a coach, a part of which was wrecked.—Reuter.

AMERICAN MONEY.

BIG LOAN FOR CHILI RAILWAYS.

Santiago, Yesterday.

The Government has entered into a contract with the National City Bank of New York for the loan of \$41,000,000 to consolidate the State railway debts.—Reuter's American Service.

INTERPORT RUGBY.

Hong Kong Wins Hard Game.

SIX POINTS TO 3.

Lammert And Pritchard Score Tries For Local Team.

[From Our Own Correspondent.] Shanghai, Yesterday. The rugger Interport between Hong Kong and Shanghai took place on the polo ground here under dismal weather conditions and on a sodden field.

Shanghai opened strongly and were for the most part in the Hong Kong half. The visitor's defence, however, was splendid particularly that of E. Thomson and G. P. S. Davies.

After 20 minutes' play G. P. Lammert intercepted a pass and running three-quarters of the length of the field, scored a magnificent try. J. B. Keely failed with the kick.

NO INTERPORT.

Sudden Ground At Shanghai.

MATCH POSTPONED.

Shanghai, Saturday. The Interport soccer game has been postponed, the ground being under water.—Reuter.

Mr. W. E. Hollands wired on Saturday afternoon to the effect that it was still raining and the ground unplayable.

Three minutes later A. E. Pritchard scored another try. J. H. Dale failing.

At half-time Hong Kong led by six points to nil.

Both teams went all out in the second half.

Shanghai, towards the close, crossed through Kane and Gold-man failed to convert.

Ten minutes from time Thomson injured his wrist.

Hong Kong withstood all pressure up to the end and won deservedly by six points to three.

HOLIDAY ROBBERS.

ARMED THIEVES BUSY OVER WEEK-END.

Three armed robbers and a highway hold-up occurred over the weekend.

The Tung Yue Tong Seamen's Boarding House at No. 260, Des Vaux Road West, was raided at 11 p.m. on Sunday. Four men took part in the robbery, two armed with revolvers and the others with daggers. The manager and two fokis were bound and gagged. The robbers took the safe key from the manager and stole \$6,258 in money. When the robbers departed they left behind them a loaded revolver and two daggers.

A Chinese woman living in Babington Path was walking in Western Street near King's Col-

FAIR WEATHER.

East winds, moderate, fair, is the weather forecast until noon to-morrow.

CLEAN SWEEP.

SOVIET EMBASSY AT PARIS.

Paris, Yesterday.

The new Soviet Ambassador is reported to have made a clean sweep of all French Communists employed on the Embassy staff, substituting Russians.—Reuter.

INJURED SHOULDER.

Mr. E. L. Croon, residing at Mead's Hill, Livingstone's meet at The Peak was yesterday removed to the Government Civil Hospital suffering from an injured shoulder caused when a motor cycle which he was riding collided with a small Chinese girl. The girl was very lucky to escape injury.

OUND RACING.

First Promotion Failure Reported.

DOGS FOR SHANGHAI.

Efforts To Popularise Sport In Germany.

London, Yesterday. Shanghai, Yesterday.

"This is, I think, the first of the greyhound racing companies that have smashed," said Mr. W. H. Cork, the auditor, presiding as liquidator at the Statutory meeting of creditors of the Southern Canine Racing Stadium (Founders Syndicate) Limited, formed to operate tracks in Southampton, Gloucester and Swansea.

The liquidator added that the assets were probably sufficient to pay the creditors in full, but the shareholders would be in a different position. The company was registered last August and the capital was increased in September to \$30,000. Apparently over 12,000 shares had been subscribed for, about 9,000 of which had gone to the promoters and the preliminary expenses of the latter totalled \$3,514.

The only assets were four dogs and some furniture.

A resolution was passed confirming the voluntary liquidation of the company with Mr. Cork as liquidator.—Reuter.

CO TTON TRADE.

MANCHESTER CHAMBER'S REVIEW.

REVITALISATION GERMS.

London, Yesterday.

The annual report of the Manchester Chamber of Commerce refers to the work of the sub-committee of all sections of the cotton trade which produced the suggestions which, it is not too much to say, have subsequently turned out to be germs for the revitalisation of the trade.

The subject of tariff barriers, the report says, is national rather than international and expresses the opinion that it must make itself felt regarding trade within the Empire.

It declares that with the policy of some Dominions there is mutual reciprocity and gives as an example Australia, which is determined to foster its industries and continues to give preference to British goods, but frequently even the preferential rate is too high to permit trade to flow at all.

The report states that India is protectionist, but thanks to the wisdom and moderation of those who recently elaborated her modern fiscal policy, it promises to be reasonable. Protection was applied only after fair and impartial enquiry and was never excessive in any degree.—Reuter.

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At the Central Magistracy on Saturday, Mr. Roger Edward Lindsell committed for trial at the next Criminal Sessions an 18-year-old Chinese youth named Lau Shiu-foo, on two charges of fraud and two of perjury.

The fraud charges against the accused were (1) fraudulently cashing two deposit notes belonging to his father; and (2) uttering to Mr. H. K. Woo, solicitor of Messrs. Woo and Nash, a false will representing it to be the will of his father.

The charges of perjury before Mr. C. D. Melbourne, the Registrar of the Supreme Court, were (1) making a statement on oath that the will produced was the will of his father appointing the accused the sole executor; and (2) making a statement on oath that his father had died in the country.

Stolen Notes.

The case for the prosecution, as outlined by Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith, Assistant Crown Solicitor, is that the accused stole three deposit notes from his father.

Two of these, worth \$500 each, the accused cashed at Kay Fung Yuk wine dealer's shop in Bonham Strand, with whom the father had deposited \$1,000. The other deposit note, which was for \$1,500 on the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank, the accused took to Mr. H. K. Woo, solicitor of Messrs. Woo and Nash, and representing that his father was dead, produced a false will appointing the accused the sole executor, which he asked Mr. Woo to put through the Court in the usual way.

Mr. Woo obtained probate on the will, and in so doing committed himself to an outlay of money which had not been recovered.

At a previous hearing Lau Po-shan, the accused's father gave evidence that he did not give authority to his son to cash the deposit notes, and then with tears running down his face, made an appeal for leniency for his boy, whom he said had been led astray by a bad companion whom he named. His wife, the witness said, would take her life if she ever heard of the position in which her youngest son was placed.

Mr. Lindsell said that it was for the father to make his appeal before the Judge at the Supreme Court.

Voluntary Statement.

After evidence had been given by Ho Lin-kui, a partner and cashier of the Kay Fung Yuk firm, who spoke about the father depositing \$1,000 in two lots with the firm, and of personally paying the money over to the accused when he surrendered the deposit notes, Detective Sergeant Whant referred to accused's detention by the police.

He said that the accused was brought to No. 7 Police Station by his father on December 30 and in consequence of what the father said the accused was detained and subsequently charged.

Asked by the Magistrate how the matter of the false will was brought to light, Sergeant Whant said whilst in the charge room, the accused made a voluntary statement to his father that there was another deposit note for \$1,500 in the hands of Mr. Woo of Messrs. Woo and Nash, who was going to cash it for the accused.

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REVIEWED.

NEW APPOINTMENTS.

The 87th Ordinary General Meeting of the Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company was held at the Company's Offices, Leadenhall Street, London, on December 14 last, when the following report was presented.

The Accounts show that after providing for depreciation there is a credit balance on the year's Account (to September 30, 1927), including £18,156 brought forward from last year, of £918,001, against £919,096 in the previous year.

The Directors propose to deal with the amount as follows:

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(1) 5 per cent. Dividend on the Preferred Stock (or which 2½ per cent. was paid as an Interim Dividend).	152,000 0 0
(2) 10 per cent. Dividend on the Deferred Stock free of Income Tax (of which 5 per cent. was paid as an Interim Dividend).	359,251 16 0
(3) Reserve for redemption of Debenture Stock.	288,422 5 4
(4) To carry forward to next year	118,326 19 7
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Not Favourable.
The state of trade generally, for the past 12 months, has not been

favourable, although there are in some directions indications of an improvement.

The sinking fund for the debenture stock of £7,000,000 repayable at the Company's option between 1930 and 1940 now stands at £1,256,867, and this, together with interest earned, is invested in Government securities.

The Fleet.

The "Nyanza" has been sold at a price in excess of her book value, and the difference will be passed to credit of the depreciation account for the rest of the fleet.

The "Narkunda" has been converted from coal to oil burning, as foreshadowed in last year's report, and this ship is now on her first voyage after refitting. The results of the change from coal to oil have proved to be entirely satisfactory.

The opportunity has been taken to make improvements in this vessel to render her more comfortable for the work of the Australian Mail Service.

The "Naldera" will be altered from coal to oil burning as soon as possible.

The "Ranchi" during the summer made eight cruising voyages to the Mediterranean and North Sea Ports, and the results have induced the Board to decide to again place her on this service next year.

The Directors have recently contracted with Messrs. Alexander Stephen & Sons of Glasgow for an up-to-date passenger steamer of 19,000 tons, and they have decided to fit this ship with Turbo-Electric driven Engines, which it is considered show greater economy than other types of machinery of similar power. The ship will carry a large number of 1st and 2nd class passengers, and will have space for about 5,000 tons of measure-

ment cargo. Small insulated chambers will be fitted in the same way as in vessels of the "Ranchi" class.

It is necessary to look forward in regard to the Mail and Passenger Services, and the Board has given much time and thought to ensure that this ship will be on the most up-to-date lines both as regards speed and the general comfort of passengers.

The Directors contracted at the beginning of the year for a new powerful tug to work in connection with the Mail Service at Aden. This vessel, the "Lathej," has a gross registered tonnage of 283 tons and has 1,000 indicated horse power, and is now at work in Aden.

The "Assaye" was again chartered for Trooping and continues in service, latterly in connection with the Shanghai Defence Force. The "Karmala" has been similarly employed.

Mail Service.

The Mail Service has been maintained with efficiency during the past year.

Insurance Fund.

There have been no serious losses since the last report. According to the accounts now submitted there is a balance of £282,428 at the credit of the Fund. Although the Fund remains open, the risks, apart from those on P. & O. steamers, are now all reinsurance, but the amount at credit of the Fund continues to be treated as a liability, as will be seen in the Company's Accounts.

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NEW YORK—Via Japan ports, San Francisco & Panama. HAVANA MARU Friday, 6th January.

JAPAN PORTS BINGO MARU Tuesday, 24th January.

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MANTUA	10,946	31st Mar.	Marseilles & London
* KALYAN	9,144	7th Apr.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
MONGOLIA	16,604	14th April	Marseilles & London
MOREA	10,953	28th Apr.	Marseilles & London
KASHGAR	9,005	15th May	Marseilles & London
MALWA	10,986	26th May	Marseilles & London
DEVANHA	8,165	9th June	Marseilles & London
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TANDA	6,556	7th Feb.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama
KARMALA	9,128	14th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
TALAMBA	8,018	12th Feb.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka
KASHMIR	8,985	18th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
KALYAN	9,144	18th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka
TILAWA	10,946	25th Feb.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka
MANTUA	10,946	2nd Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
ST. ALBANS	4,500	6th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
NAGPURA	5,283	12th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
MONGOLIA	16,504	17th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
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P. & O. MEETING.

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Capital.

An extraordinary general meeting of the stockholders was held last month, when it was decided to increase the capital of the Company by the issue of One Million additional Deferred Stock which, in terms of Clause 14 of the Charter, was offered to the existing registered holders of both Preferred and Deferred Stock of the nominal amount of not less than £40 in the Company. The opinion of eminent Counsel made it clear that the Company had no option but to offer this Stock to the existing registered Holders, whether their holding was in Preferred or Deferred Stock.

This opinion has already been circulated, but for the purpose of record it is here given:-

We are of opinion that the Company has put the true construction on its Charters when stating, in the Notice convening the Meeting of September 14, 1927, that the proposed new Stock will be offered in the first place to the existing Preferred and Deferred Stockholders who hold not less than £40 Stock of the Company. The provisions of the Company's Seventh Charter which imposed this condition on the issue of any new Stock were express and unambiguous, and those of the Ninth Charter which repealed this and some other provisions of the Seventh Charter reimposed this condition in terms no less express and plain. We cannot entertain any doubt as to the true construction of either Charter.

We are further of opinion that the Company is prohibited by the terms of the Ninth Charter from issuing any new Stock (other than Debenture Stock) except Preferred or Deferred Stock and from conferring on any new Preferred or Deferred Stock any right or privilege other than such as attach to the existing Preferred or Deferred Stock.

Lord Inchape has been Chairman and Managing Director of the Board of the P. & O. and British India Companies since their amalgamation in 1914. His services during this period and previously as Chairman of the British India Company and in various public and Government work here and in the East are well known to the Stockholders, and it will hardly be a matter of surprise that, while still retaining the active control of the Company's affairs, he is desirous that arrangements should be made with a view to the future. After considering the matter fully, the Directors recently decided to appoint the Hon. Alexander Shaw, who has been a director of the Company since 1920, to be Deputy Chairman of the Company, under the authority conferred upon them by Clause 79 of the Charter. Acting in entire accord with the Chairman, the Directors have appointed three members of the Board, namely, The Hon. Alexander Shaw, The Hon. Kenneth Mackay and Mr. F. C. Allen, to be Managing Directors to act with the Chairman. Mr. F. Ritchie, a Managing Director, in this way will be free to undertake a tour of inspection of some of the Company's Eastern and Australian Agencies. These appointments will not involve any additional charge on the revenues of the Company.

Mr. W. C. Symes, who has been an Assistant Manager for some years past, will, at his own request, retire from his office at the end of the year after a service with the Company at home and abroad of 42 years. Mr. A. O. Lang, who has had a long experience of shipping and general business in the Far East and has represented the Company for some years at Hong Kong and was Chairman of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank there, has been appointed an Assistant Manager to succeed Mr. Symes.

Directors.

Two Directors retire at the Annual Meeting, namely, Sir Charles Stewart Addis and Sir Montagu Cornish Turner, and being eligible offer themselves for re-election.

General Summary.

Business conditions generally during the last twelve months have been difficult, and have called for

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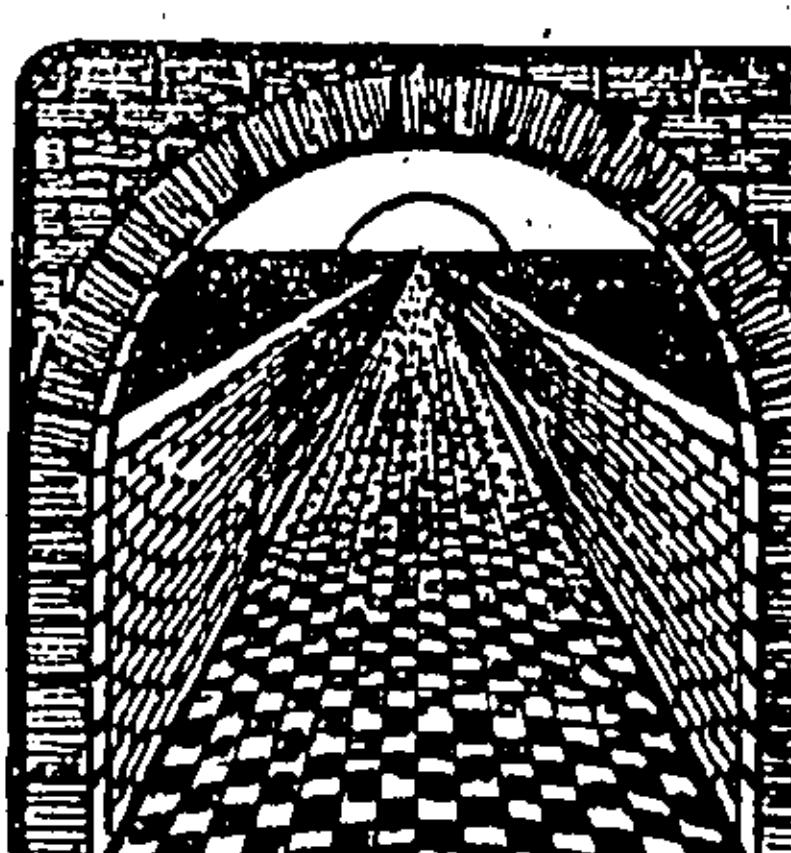
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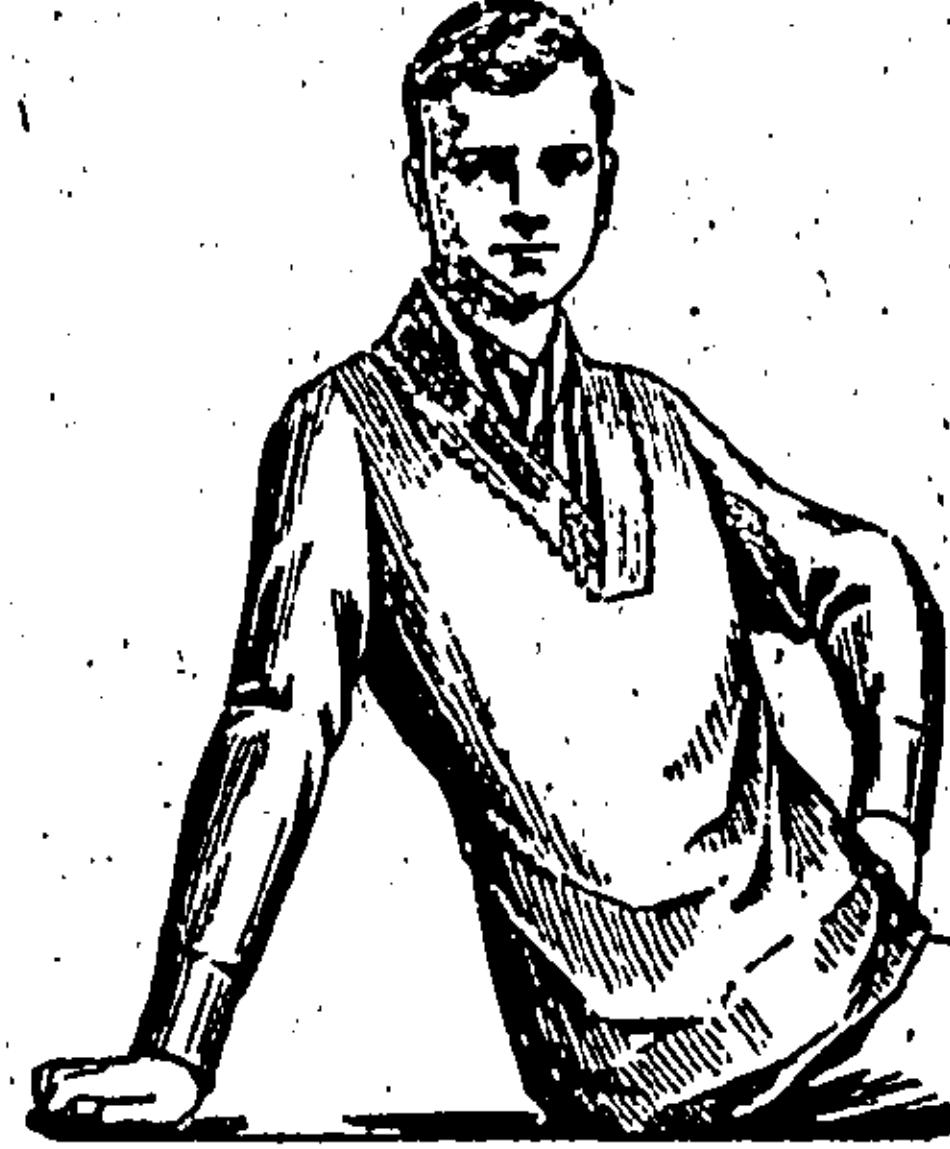
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LIME WASHING.

SANITARY BOARD MATTERS.

MR. BRAGA AGAIN.

At to-morrow's meeting of
the Sanitary Board a number of
interesting questions will be put to
the President.

Dr. S. W. Tao will ask:—

In view of the general complaint
by tenants of tenement houses
against the present method of lime-
washing by the Sanitary Department,
will the Head of the Sanitary
Department state whether a tenant
can object to the spraying
method of lime-washing by the
Department, may be allowed to
employ his own contractor to do
the work, in the old way, after his
landlord has paid to the Govern-
ment the money for lime-washing
by the Department?

If so, whether the Government is
prepared to hand over the money
paid by the landlord to the tenant
after he has done the lime-washing
satisfactorily?

When the spraying method is em-
ployed what precaution is taken by
the Department to protect the
furniture or goods of the tenant
from the lime-wash or to prevent
the lime-wash from going through
the floor to the floor below?

Whether the lime-wash used by
the Department contains any in-
gredient which may be injurious to
furniture or goods?

Whether the spraying method
now employed by the Department
is an improvement on the old
method of lime-washing? If so, in
what respect?

The Brush Method.

When lime-washing is done under
the supervision of the Depart-
ment, by its own workmen and
with the best of materials, is there
any necessity to have the work
done more than once? And, if it
is found necessary to re-limewash
the premises, whether it be pos-
sible to have it done on the same
day as that of the first lime-
washing?

In lime-washing a painted ceil-
ing or wall, as not a hundredth
part of the lime will stick, will the
Head of the Sanitary Department
suggest some method of dealing
with such cases in the future?"

Mr. Wong Kwon-tin will move:—

"That in view of the numerous
complaints which have been made,
the Head of the Sanitary Depart-
ment be requested to discard the
spraying method of lime-washing
and adopt the brush method."

Vegetable Exports.

Mr. J. P. Braga, will ask:—

Is the Government aware that
large quantities of fresh vegetables
are regularly exported by steamers
out of Hong Kong?

If statistics of such exports are
available, will the President obtain
the figures in respect of the month
of December last and for the first
half of the current month?

Will the President also state, as
his opinion, whether the export in
large quantities of fresh vegetables
from the Colony tends to restrict
supplies for the local markets, and
if so whether any inadequacy of
supply exists thus operating as a
factor in the keeping up of prices
of vegetables in Hong Kong?"

Brothers and sisters, too, are
not always the kindest of rela-
tions. Jealousy often exists be-
tween elder and younger sons;
and with sisters there is ill-feel-
ing as regards looks and social
successes.

Royalty, as ever, sets us the
best example. With due respect
it may be said that the relations
of the Royal Princes to each other
and to their Royal only sister are
perfect and command our deepest
admiration.—Hon. Mrs. Fitzroy-
Stewart.

TRYING RELATIVES.

ABOUT PRESENT DAY PARENTS.

CHILDREN'S FRIENDS.

Stage Manager—"What makes
you think the fruit they threw at
you was bottled?"

Actor—"I felt a jar."

Ethel—"Where'd you get those
great big eyes?"

Gladys—"My folks gave them to
me for a birthday present."

Madge—"Helen must have been
talking about me."

Marie—"Why do you think so?"

Madge—"When I met her she
kissed me twice."

Smith—"I want to buy a rug as
a present for my wife."

Shopman—"What colour do you
wish, sir?"

Smith—"Here, match the ashes
from this cigar. I want to cause
her as little work as possible."

"Impossible. I could not wear
that hat. Why, my face could not
be seen."

"I am sure you would have it,
Signora, if you knew how it im-
proves you."

"I'll speak to you in the only lan-
guage you understand. Mee-owl
Mee-owl!"

The Last Lesson.—"Now, my
dear fellow, I will show you how
to drive a car backwards."

Lady: "But it's no use worrying,
my good man—something's sure to
turn up."

Deadbeat: "No doubt it will,
missus; but I expect it'll be me
too."

A doctor advised a corpulent
patient to take up golf. After a
few weeks the patient returned and
said that the doctor would have to
advise another game.

"But there's nothing to beat
golf," said the doctor.

"Quite so," agreed the fat fel-
low, "but it's no good to me. If I
place the ball so that I can see it
I can't hit it, and when I put it
where I can hit it I can't see it."

Mother: "Oo, look at luvly ikkle
honk-honk."

Small Son: "My dear mother,
that's a six-cylindered Falcon,
four-wheel brakes, pneumatic tyres,
does 80 on the flat, but fairly eats
up petrol!"

Unpopular Doctor: "Ah, I've
caught you under the mistletoe."

Girl: "No, doctor, there's only
one thing you'll ever have a chance
of kissing me under."

"And what's that?"

"An anesthetic."

A customer who was looking
round a curio shop noticed a quaint
figure in the dim recesses at the
back.

"What is that Japanese idol
worth?" she asked.

"About half a million," replied
the salesman. "It's the proprie-
tor."

"Hard up as we are," said the
dear old lady, "at least we are sure
of a bit of poultry for the Christ-
mas party. I've just got a note
from my darling actor son to say
he's got the bird!"

A man rushed into a barber's
shop one day and said hastily:
"Cut the whole three short."

"What three?" asked the barber.

"The hair, the beard, and the
conversation."

"What a lot of water you've
brought, Tommy!" said the elderly
lover. "I only just wanted a
drink."

"Thought you'd want more than
a glassful," replied Tommy.
"Gertie says you're the driest old
stick she knows!"

"Women are fools. I never knew
but one really sensible one."

"Well, why didn't you marry
her?"

"I asked her, but she wouldn't
have me."

"Waiter, there is a caterpillar on
my plate."

"No, sir, that is the sausage you
ordered."

"Gustave, you mustn't beat your
sister like that. You will break the
doll!"

Judge: "You have been found
guilty of killing your wife. Have
you anything to say?"

"I hope you will be indulgent.
It is the first time I have done it."

He: "Seems to me women would
rather have beauty than brains."

She: "Of course. Most men are
stupid, but few are blind."

The Host—"I'm afraid we
haven't much of a dinner." The
Guest—"No apologies, old man.
You forget that I have dined here
before."

Flapper—"Should I marry a man
who lies to me?"

Friend—"Do you want to be an
old maid?"

MARSHAL FENG.

STILL REALLY A CHRISTIAN.

HONAN MATTERS.

Tsinan, Jan. 10. I was interested in noting the tone of the headline, and the shading of the article from your "Own Correspondent" at Peking under date of January 2, in which the intimated entry of Marshal Feng Yu-hsiang's nominee into the Nanking Government, would mean the entry of Soviet influence on the Yangtze and in the environs of Shanghai. As one, who has been of Honan, though not in it for the past few months, and from one who, nevertheless, has had some inside knowledge of the way that things have been going there, I would like to bear testimony for the Christian Marshal.

Living in Mission Quarters.

Marshal Feng and his staff are in the Baptist Mission Compound in Chengchow, and his staunch follower, Chang Chi-chiang, with his staff and family, are occupying the residence of the Canadian Church Mission in the south suburb of Kaifeng. However, we are assured on the best authority, that of the present occupants, that when the missionaries are able to return to their work the premises will be vacated. I feel assured that the primarily interested missionaries are glad to have the aces rather than the followers in their homes, and it seems that this would be the alternative. Marshal Feng's discipline is still good within his own command, but there are several armies fighting together in the present Kuomintang, and soldiers of other than the First Army still feel that their allegiance is due to their own heads and not to the head of the whole. This is not surprising in the subordinates, when the Marshal finds it political, in these transitional days, to disregard breaches even among the "Allied Commanders."

When he came to know of the thefts from the several mission residences in the south suburb of Kaifeng city, he was very indignant, and had the matter put through the Provincial Governing Councils, and the losses, therein sustained, recorded, with a view to making restitution in happier days, but he still felt that he could not too closely lay the blame, for allegiances seem to be lightly held in these days.

His Degree of Crimson.

Some days since I had a long and interesting talk with a gentleman out of Honan, who has been as closely associated with the public life of the province as any one, and who, incidentally, has not very great reason to love Marshal Feng personally, yet who could not but bear witness to the fact that Marshal Feng does not seem to be of a very pronounced "Red" colour. His inferences were based on the following considerations. When Tang Seng-chi's and Chang Fa-kuai's men came to Kaifeng after the retreat of the Fengtien men in the latter days of May and early June, there was a group of communistic-minded young men, who came out with a very strong stream of invectives against the "imperialists" and their "running dogs," the Christian leaders and others, who had much to do with foreigners in one way and another. There was this group, ready to lead the "communistic troops" to the mission compounds and billet them there as the most luxurious quarters that could be assigned them. They also proscribed certain of the more moderate leaders, among whom was the friend who gave me this information. The proscribed men were to be seized, and as a first measure were to be paraded through the streets, with certain very undignified mottoes adorning their persons. Marshal Feng then came out of the west, and immediately these measures against the moderates were dropped, and the "Reds" themselves had to flee or go into hiding.

A Plot Nipped in the Bud.

About two months ago the Marshal got wind of a plot of the "Reds" to intrigue him into some difficulty, perhaps to make life dangerous for him. Knowing this and the probable source of the plot, the Marshal sent a message to a formerly ardent follower of his, who had left one of the most important positions in Sianfu to follow him to Moscow, and was placed by him in the vice-commissionership in Chengchow of the Peasants and Workmen's Union, asking him to investigate this plot and have the ringleaders arrested. That very night the Vice-Commissioner went into retirement, from which he has not yet emerged.

Thus, though Marshal Feng seems willing enough to permit the people to come under a Soviet form of Government, and has established the committee form of government for the Province, he wants the Sovietizing to be of a Chinese type, and not of the Red type, as it is known in Russia. At least that is the purport of all the stories that have been repeated along this line, he.

His Position As a Christian.

There is another matter that has become a moot question, concerning the Marshal: that is the question of his Christianity. If Marshal Feng's present type of Christianity is different from the old-time evangelistic type, one has to remember that his present line-up is different from the former Ironsides of the old First Kuomin-chun. The present army has been rusticating in Kansu for some length of time, and the recruits that have come in for months before the trek through Shensi into Honan, have had a goodly lot of Mohammedans among them. Undoubtedly, too, the old ardour has been watered down somewhat, for the financial necessities through which his command has had to pass, and the importunities of his officials for funds, have brought changes into the moral administration that the Marshal would not countenance in the old days.

Opium Now Openly Sold.

In the days of 1922, when General Feng was Governor of Honan, and in the preceding years when his obligations were not as onerous as they are now, he would truckle in no way to opium. Opium was freely grown in Honan in many parts this last spring, but for this he was not responsible, though the officials of the Second Kuomin-chun, who then occupied the province were fully responsible, and those were Shensi powers. Now there is a great opium trade out of Shensi into Honan. Opium is openly sold in the streets of Kaifeng, as it has not been done at any other time in the history of the province; at least this is the testimony of those who have come out of the province. The Marshal has been very little in the capital city, but the influence of those who are his present allies, and who call themselves members of the Kuomin-chun, is apparently paramount. I have heard Marshal Feng preach from the text, "To him who knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin." I had no doubt at the time that sermon was preached in the days of governorship, that he was perfectly sincere, in the sentiments that he expressed. And I am very sure that he regrets with his whole heart the disjointed times through which he is passing, when he would, if he could, have these abuses corrected.

Further the Marshal, while not pressing his Christianity, as in the former days, is not loath to confess his adherence to the Christian cause, and his apprehension lest the influence of Christianity should wane. In this connection one can only wonder why, when there are no finances to carry out primary education with government funds, the edict of the Kuomin-chun Government should prevent the missions from carrying out the existing primary school work that has been in existence for some years now. This is a mystery, but might be readily explained, if one only knew all the politics behind the move that holds all the magistrates responsible for seeing that no missionary educational work is at present carried on. Marshal Feng himself, in the year 1922, firmly believed in the efficacy of the mission school work, and memorialised the National Christian Conference during the great meeting in Shanghai, in the spring of that year, to promote educational work and to multiply schools. This measure may, however, be but part of the general policy of holding full control of the educational work for the Chinese youth, and there may be plans for the establishing of an adequate school system when peace shall have been restored.—*N. C. Daily News* Correspondent.

FLEET ADMIRAL.

DEATH OF SIR JOHN DE ROBECK.

London, Saturday.

The death is announced of Admiral Sir John De Robeck.—Reuters. [Sir John Michael De Robeck, Admiral of the Fleet, is the first Baronet and obtained the K.C.B. in 1916. He was Commander-in-Chief of the Atlantic Fleet from 1922 to 1924 and of the Mediterranean Fleet, 1919-1922.

Sir John was born on June 10, 1862, the second son of the 4th Baron De Robeck of Gowran Grange, Naas, Ireland. He married in 1922 Hilda, the widow of Col. Sir Simon Macdonald Lockhart Bl.

The late Admiral entered the Navy as a cadet in 1876 and was promoted captain in 1902, Rear-Admiral in 1911, Vice-Admiral in 1917 and Admiral of the Fleet in 1925. He commanded the Naval Force in the Dardanelles during the time the Expeditionary Force was landed in 1915. He leaves no heir.]

CINEMA NOTES.

"BEN HUR" COMING NEXT WEEK.

TO-DAY'S BIG COMEDY.

"Ben-Hur," the £600,000 film which will be screened at the Queen's Theatre next week, owes its popular success not only to the grandeur of its spectacle and the absorbing nature of its action but likewise to the love story of Ben-Hur and Esther and the other love motif between mother and son which is brought powerfully to the fore through the many years of separation of Ben-Hur and his parent by the Romans who condemned him to the galleys and his womenfolk to a forgotten dungeon. This vivid picture shows us Ben-Hur's escape, the triumphant chariot race, his romance with Esther, and his return to Judaea, fired by the hope of the Messianic kingdom. The outcast mother and sister find the young hero asleep, but in a scene of infinite pathos turn away so as not to contaminate him. Their reunion with the loved ones after they have been healed by the Saviour, is perhaps the most exquisite passage in film fiction.

"WE'RE IN THE NAVY NOW."

The stars of "Behind the Front," Wallace Beery and Raymond Hatton, have the time of their lives as the sailor heroes of Paramount's second comedy showing the sunny side of the war, "We're in the Navy Now," which will be screened at the Queen's Theatre again tomorrow by general request.

Starting in a prize ring, going to a naval training camp, from there to the deck of a troop transport, and in turn, a small rowboat, submarine, French dreadnought, France and then—all the way back to where it started from, "We're in the Navy Now," creates a new laugh record for Wallace Beery and Raymond Hatton.

WORLD AND STAR.

Gloria Swanson's comedy of a chorus girl who plunges into the social swim, "Fine Manners," will be screened at the Star Theatre to-day and to-morrow. Another picture also being screened to-day is "Volcano" at the World Theatre, a story of the historic Mount La Pelee eruption, with Babe Daniels in the leading role. "Volcano" is being screened at 5.15 and 9.20 only, the picture at 12, 2.30 and 7.15 being the Chinese drama, "True Love."

BUSTER KEATON COMEDY.

The third comedy at the Queen's Theatre this week, according to a special advertisement in to-day's issue, will be Buster Keaton's latest United Artists' picture, "College." The story begins with Buster as a high school boy, declaiming against athletics. His girl, however, tells him she prefers an athlete to a bookworm, and on entering college Buster decides he will become an athlete. After his arrival at College he successfully tries baseball, high-jumping, broad-jumping, shot-putting, hammer-throwing, hurdle racing, pole-vaulting and finally rowing, and it is here that he establishes himself. He is made coxswain of the crew and his college wins. Later the climax of the film comes when Buster saves the girl from his villainous rival, and spurred by her plight, easily out-distances everybody in the race. The highly original ending is in keeping with the rest of an amusing film.

"BEN HUR."

FAMOUS FILM HERE NEXT WEEK.

CHARIOT RACE THRILL.

The famous film, "Ben-Hur," which cost £600,000 to produce, is coming to the Queen's Theatre on Monday, January 30. The chariot race in "Ben-Hur" is the thrill ever screened. You see forty-eight horses—twelve teams—start abreast in their mad dash over the seven laps of the Antioch race course, and you cannot bear a cheer as Ben-Hur wrecks Messala and forces to the front! Roman and pirate navies contend in realistic death-grapples on the Mediterranean. The towers and turrets of Zion rise anew. From the exquisite Madonna to The Last Supper, and the Procession of Palms, the masterpieces of art are re-enacted, often in colour. The beautiful love story of Esther and Ben-Hur, a contemporary of the Saviour, dominates the grand spectacle which is characterized by a fine reverence in the sacred part of the portrayals. Among the leading actors are Ramon Novarro in the title role, Francis X. Bushman as Messala, May McAvoy as Esther, Betty Bronson as the Madonna, Carmel Myers as Iris, Frank J. Currier, Mitchell Lewis, Nigel de Brulair, Claire McDowell, Kathleen Key, with no less than 150,000 persons in the "support."

PRISON MUTINY.

INDIAN CONVICTS ATTACK WARDERS.

NOSE CUT OFF.

Allahabad, Saturday. One hundred convicts of the habitual prisoners circle at Naini Gaol attacked a convict overseer, cut off his nose and thrashed him and the convict gaolers.

Armed warders rushed up and 20 prisoners scattered and climbed a roof from whence they threw tiles and other missiles. The Superintendent warned the prisoners, who took no heed, after which the warders were ordered to open fire. One was killed and 16 wounded, the remainder being overpowered after a struggle in which a number of warders were injured.—Reuter.

ECCENTRIC CLUB.

GENERAL MILNE ON WAR.

The thirty-seventh anniversary dinner of the Eccentric Club was held at the Hotel Cecil. It was attended by upwards of 500 members and friends, and was presided over by General Sir George F. Milne, Chief of the Imperial General Staff. Mr. Laddie Cliff occupied the vice-chair.

Sir Walter de Frece, M.P., proposing the toast of "The Visitors," described the Eccentric Club as the foremost, and probably the last, of the Bohemian clubs of London. Mr. Alfred H. Angus responded.

The Chairman, submitting the toast, "The Eccentric Club," said he had the honour of being a member of two institutions with the wise old owl as badge—the Eccentric Club and the Staff College—possibly run on different lines, but alike in the esprit de corps and comradeship of their members. Their club had as its president a great Englishman, Viscount Burnham, a man who had risen to the very highest station in his own profession, and who was always ready to do something for the good of his country. (Cheers). They all joined in extending their best wishes to him on his visit to India and a speedy return. (Cheers).

Their very popular chairman of the club—Mr. Montague Bates—had occupied that position since 1916, and to him and to their able and energetic honorary secretary—Mr. Harrison—one of the founders of the club, the members owed a deep debt of gratitude. (Hear, hear.) But the members also had just cause for pride. During the Great War the cost to them in respect of hostels, various entertainments, and grants to hospitals and charities was between £75,000 and £100,000. One was indeed proud to be received into the fellowship of an association with such a noble record, and on behalf of the Services he thanked them. In 1896 the club's Benevolent Fund was started, and it had been well maintained and ministered ever since. He regretted that in the Service to which he had the honour to belong they had no scope for such generous eccentricity as marked their club.

Platitudes.

"War is a terrible heartbreaking business," he proceeded, "and it is good that statesmen are now trying to find a more rational and humane way of settling international difficulties and reconciling their conflicting ideals. But we must guard ourselves against the platitudes spoken with the accents of peace, which tend to obscure one of our first and foremost important duties, to make our Empire safe against external aggression. On that point we must be under no illusion. Armies are not the symbol of a selfish and irrational thirst for power; they are the bulwarks of our trade and commerce, our national honour, our independence, and our common liberties. The time may come when we shall have ample security at less cost than in the past. Meanwhile we must bear the burden, and our patriotism should enable us to do this more cheerfully than we sometimes do. I mean the patriotism of reason, which enables every true citizen to identify himself with the prosperity and security of his country, the patriotism which animates the members of this club, which will enable us to maintain our self-respect, to hold our place among the nations, to advance the highest interests of humanity and civilisation."

PROF. BERNHARDI.

PLAY WITH DECEPTIVE LABEL.

Dr. Schnitzler describes this play as a comedy, but readers who remember his "Anatol Dialogues" and his "Reigen" ought to be warned that "Professor Bernhardi" is a very different affair. The comic spirit is wholly absent from this play, and the comedy label is deceptive. Professor Bernhardi, a Jewish doctor, refuses to allow a Catholic priest to approach the bedside of a dying woman, on the grounds that she will die in peace if she is left alone, because she does not know she is dying. His action gives rise, as the publisher aptly puts it, to "almost endless argument and discussion." The Professor is eventually accused of sacrifice and cast into prison.

Dr. Schnitzler conducts his arguments, both for and against the Professor's action, earnestly and fairly, but it seems to the writer that he has confused the issue somewhat unnecessarily by making Professor Bernhardi a Jew. By this device he has succeeded, no doubt, in making a more direct appeal in countries like his own, where anti-Semitic feeling is strong in certain sections of the community; but he has weakened his case in this country and clouded the real problem of the play. He is handicapped further by a poor translation.

SOVIET IN TOKYO.

ANOTHER FIRE AT TRADE OFFICE.

Tokyo, Saturday.

For the third time within the last few days fire broke out at the office of the Soviet Trade Commission. Incendiarism is suspected. Firemen were able to put out the conflagration before any serious damage was done.—Reuter.

Shadows Before.

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN THE "MAIL."

To-day—Queen's Theatre; "Out All Night."

To-day—Cheer O' Y.M.C.A.; Sing Song, 7.30 p.m.

To-day—World Theatre; "Volcano," 5.15 and 9.15; "The True Love," Chinese Drama, 12, 2.30 and 7.15.

To-day—Star Theatre; "Fine Manners."

To-day—King Edward Hotel dinner dances; Carnival Cabaret, 8 p.m. to midnight.

January 25—Cheer O' Y.M.C.A.; Whist Drive, 7.30 p.m.

January 25—Queen's Theatre; "We're In The Navy Now."

January 26—Musical at Helena May Institute, 6.30 p.m.

January 26—Cheer O' Y.M.C.A.; Impromptu Dance, 7.30 p.m.

January 26-28—World Theatre; "The Gold Rush."

January 26-28—Queen's Theatre; "The College."

January 26-28—Star Theatre; "The Wedding Song."

January 27—Cheer O' Y.M.C.A.; Concert and Dance, 7.30 p.m.

January 28—Cheer O' Y.M.C.A.; "Impromptu Concert, 7.30 p.m.

January 29—Queen's Theatre; "The Irresistible Lover."

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January 29-30—Star Theatre; "The Desert's Toll."

January 29-31—World Theatre; "Way Down East."

January 30-February 4—Queen's Theatre; "Ben-Hur."

January 31-February 1—Star Theatre; "The Taxi Dancer."

February 26—Craigengower Cricket Club's annual Bachelors' Dance.

Sports.

January 25—Sim Shield Competition: H.K. Hockey Club v. R.A.F., King's Park, 4.30 p.m.

January 28—American lawn tennis tourney (mixed doubles) for members of the Ladies' Recreation Club at L.R.C.

February 17—Golf Match: Ladies' Bogey Competition at Fanling.

Hughes & Hough's Auction.

March 1—At Auction Room, Ice House Street, valuable leasehold property situated in Peak District, 3 p.m.

Land Sale.

January 26—Sale by Public Auction of Crown Land at New Kowloon, P.W.D. Offices, 3 p.m.

Meetings.

January 25—General meeting of Hong Kong Philharmonic Society, Cathedral Hall, 6.30 p.m.

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LOCAL AND GENERAL SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Mr. F. S. Gibson, of Messrs. Mansfield & Co., Penang, who went to Singapore on a business visit, returned by the "Patroclus."

Dr. William Fletcher spoke before the Royal Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene on Recent Work on Some Malayan Fevers on December 8.

It is reported that the American Finance & Credit Corporation of Harbin, a banking concern for Russians, contemplates opening an office in Shanghai.

Wilmington (Delaware), Saturday.—The death is announced of the millionaire, William Dupont, brother of ex-Senator Dupont, Reuter's American Service.

The new Soviet Ambassador is reported to have made a clean sweep of all French Communists employed on the Embassy staff, substituting Russians.—Reuter.

New York, Saturday.—The death has occurred of Major-General Goethals, the Chief Engineer concerned with the construction of the Panama Canal.—Reuter's American Service.

Captain J. C. MacLeod, late of the Straits Steamship Co., has been appointed to a Government post in the Harbour Master's Department at Penang, says a Penang paper. He takes over his new duties this month.

The engagement is announced of Frank Harold Neame, of Highclere estate, Kiang, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Neame of Chipstead, Surrey, to Marjorie, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Athya, of London.

According to the vernacular press the Shanghai merchants have requested the Government to repay \$100,000 which was "borrowed" from them by Gen Yang Hu when he was Commissioner of Gendarmerie in Shanghai.

The Nanking Military Council has officially appointed Gen. Hsiung Hsi-hui, associate commander of the 13th army corps, acting Garrison Commissioner of Shanghai and Woosung. It is expected that Gen. Hsiung will assume office within a few days.

Chief Inspector J. Donovan, O.C.P.D., Tapah, who was admitted to the European Hospital, Batu Gajah, suffering from paralysis, has made a slight recovery. Inspector Bendle, of the Central Police Station, Ipoh is acting for him at present, says the "Times of Malaya."

Local cinema-goers will be interested to learn that the management of the Tivoli Theatre in London have decided to accede to innumerable requests to revive "Ben-Hur." This magnificent film is to be screened in Hong Kong next week, starting on Monday, January 30.

In view of the steadily increasing price of rice, due, it is claimed, to the military seizing rice boats, the Shanghai Rice Guild has sent a lengthy petition to Nanking praying for an order that not only should this be stopped but that vessels already commandeered should be restored forthwith.

Mr. Tu Yueh-sung, a well-known Shanghai merchant of the French Concession, who is chairman of the Chinese Ratepayers' Association and the Commercial Federation of the Settlement, has tendered his resignation to the French Consul-General as Chinese member of the Provisional Municipal Commission.

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A pleasing ceremony took place at the French Consulate-General at Shanghai, when members of the Chinese Association of Ratepayers of the French Concession presented a beautifully inscribed screen to M. E. Naggar, the retiring French Consul-General. The presentation was made by Messrs. Chang Shau-ling, Tu Yueh-sung and Wong Ching-yung, the first named, making a short speech in which he extolled the virtues of M. Naggar and regretted his departure from Shanghai; the Chinese people joined together in congratulating the new Minister on his well deserved promotion. M. Naggar, replying, thanked the Association for their gift and assured them that he would continue to exert his efforts to preserve the traditional relations between the two peoples.

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SPORTS

LEAGUE SOCCER.

THE CLUB'S SURPRISING VICTORY.

INTERPORT MATCH POSTPONED.

The soccer Interport match between Shanghai and Hong Kong has been postponed owing to the sudden state of the Shanghai ground.

Locally, two First Division matches were played, the Club obtaining a surprising and very creditable win over South China to the tune of five goals to two. In the other game the Kossies and Artillerymen drew, no goals being scored.

There were three Junior Division matches, and an interesting friendly encounter between H.M.S. "Titania" and the Kowloon Club, the former winning by four goals to two.

RESULTS AT A GLANCE.

Division I.	
K.O.S.B. 0	R.A. 0
Hong Kong Club 5	South China ... 2
Division "A" Junior.	
St. Joseph's ... 4	University 1
Kowloon Res. ... 3	China Athletic ... 0
Division "B" Junior.	
South China ... 1	Kowloon "B" ... 0
Friendly.	
Kowloon ... 2	H.M.S. "Titania" 4
Matches Cancelled.	
Queen's Regt. v. R.A.F. 1st Division.	
K.O.S.B. Res. v. Club Res. Junior	
Division "A".	
South China "A" v. Kung Woo.	
Junior Division "B".	
China Athletic v. Moslems, Junior	
Division "B".	
Recreo Res. v. R.G.A. Res., Junior	
Division "A".	
Division I.	
K.O.S.B.s. v. R.A.	
Teams:	
K.O.S.B. — Anderson, Martin, Gardner, Skiggs, Davey, Everest, Alexander, McGlinchey, Stock, Campbell.	
R. Artillery — Phillips, Trim, Excel, Taylor, Fuller, Vicars, F. Smith, Madocks, Fulford, Hill, French.	
Referee: Mr. Baldwin.	
The K.O.S.B.s. lost the toss, and kicked off against a very erratic wind. The Artillery obtaining possession of the ball, took it down their left wing, Fulford shooting just over the bar. The Borderers then took up the attack, and Phillips, the Artillery goalie, was tested with a couple of stinging shots, the second of which he just managed to turn round the post, the resulting corner kick being cleared.	
The Borderers were attacking well, but the Gunners' defence remained sound. The Borderers continued pressing and forced a corner, which ended in the R.A. goalie clearing. The R.A. then carried the game to the other end, but their shooting was feeble. The Borderers should certainly have scored before the game had been more than twenty minutes old, but owing to the wind and the superior height of the Gunners, they failed to do so. After a period of play in mid-field, the Borderers forced two more corners, but Phillips was playing a great game, and kept his goal clear. He was soon afterwards tested again, but carried the ball behind.	
Half-time came with no score to either side, the Borderers up to this period having by far the best of the game.	
Off The Mark.	
On the resumption of play, the Borderers took up the attack but a good opportunity was lost through being off-side. The Gunners then began to make themselves felt, and tried several shots at goal, but they were off the mark. They continued to press and Anderson had a hot one, which he dealt with admirably. They then secured a free kick from a foul throw in, but the Borderers held their own and kept them out. The play still continued fast, and the Borderers forwards making a runaway from the half way line, had a good opportunity baulked by Trim who was playing a sound game.	
The Gunners soon afterwards lost their chance of opening the scoring, French on the left wing sending across the goal mouth a beautiful centre, which was not taken advantage of.	
The Borderers then took the game in hand, and secured a corner without result, another run down being spoilt by offside. The wind having dropped towards the latter part of the match, the game was more controlled, and consequently better play ensued. The exchanges were fairly even, play being first at one end of the field, then the other, with both defences playing a great game, the final whistle being blown with no score to either side.	
K.O.S.B. 0	Royal Artillery 0
University 1	

CLUB v. SOUTH CHINA.

Teams: — Club — Rodger; Wallington, Lyon; Railton, Stuart, Watson; Alexander, Johnstone, Bishop, F. S. Smith, Simpson.

South China — Cheung Yuk-kwan; Leong Wing-chiu, Li Tinsing; Leong Wing-tak, Pang Wahing, Leong Yiu-chau; Ko Sik-wai, Fung King-cheong, Wong Wee, Ip Pak-wa, Lai Ting-choi.

The Club were at home to South China and defeated them by the good score of 5 goals to 2.

Play during the early stages of the game was confined to midfield. South China were the first to attack, and Ip Pak-wa had a shot at goal, which, however, went wide. South China continued to press and some very good efforts on the part of their forwards almost brought about a goal. From a goal kick taken by the Chinese, the Club obtained possession, and some pretty work by their forwards brought the ball into South China's lines, and resulted in Smith scoring the first goal of the game with a good first time shot at close range. This goal seemed to put more go into the Club as they now did most of the attacking, and nearly registered a second goal on more than one occasion.

South China strove hard to get on level terms, but good work by the Club's defence upset their tactics. Bishop had hard luck, when from a good centre by Simpson, he kicked the ball into the goalie's hands. Play was now transferred to the Club's half, and South China forced a corner, but nothing came of it. Shortly following this Lai Ting-choi tested Rodger with a difficult shot, and the goalkeeper did well to the ball out.

The Chinese were still striving to reduce the lead, and their efforts were soon rewarded when Pang Wa-hing scored with a beautifully placed shot. Play became very keen with both teams trying hard to obtain the lead. South China now appeared to be getting slightly the better of the exchanges, and had very hard luck on one occasion when Wong Wee put in a hard drive, which went just outside, with Rodger absolutely beaten. Wong Wee had punched out. Navy leading by a rather soft goal.

Kowloon attacked but Brockman and Barkham were very safe and another attack by the Navy left wing was almost through the Kowloon defence, McKelvie just getting his foot to a clearance in time.

Kowloon played up spiritedly and Northeim missed with a fine shot just outside. Kowloon were ineffective in front of goal, whereas the Navy were always dangerous, and from one of the numerous breaks-away of the Navy Balcombe, steadying, dribbled through and beat Argus all ends up.

The ball had hardly been restarted when the Navy scored through Herbert, and the same player added a nice goal just after, the Kowloon defence being in a tangle.

Navy led at the interval by four goals to nil.

In the second half a change came over the game as, in spite of the fact that the Navy played well, Kowloon played up very pluckily, and after Northeim had missed an open goal with a sitter, the Kowloon centre forward scored with a beauty to the delight of the crowd.

Kowloon then forged ahead with good play, and gave the Navy many anxious moments. Barkham and Farlowe were, however, playing right up to form in the Navy defence and Kowloon had to work hard.

A nice movement initiated by McKelvie found Northeim in possession and the centre transferred to the other wing. Eastman crossed and the Navy got the ball away but McKelvie, joining in the attack, beat Brockman with a beauty. Although Kowloon strode hard to reduce the deficit, "Titania" retired deserved winners by 4 goals to 2.

CHINA ATHLETIC v. KOWLOON RES.

This match resulted in a win for Kowloon by 3 goals to nothing. In the first half Dunnet scored, and in the second half the lead was increased by Reed, the same player adding a third just before the end.

Kowloon Reserves ... 3

China Athletic 0

JUNIOR DIVISION "B".

SOUTH CHINA "B" v. KOWLOON.

In this junior game, South China won by the narrow margin of 1 goal to nothing after a keen game. At half time the score sheet was blank. In the second half Lee Shiu-hong scored the only goal of the game for South China.

FRIENDLY MATCH.

KOWLOON v. H.M.S. "TITANIA."

Owing to the postponement of all Junior fixtures at Kowloon, also the cancelling of the Queen's Regt.-R.A.F. Senior League match at Chatham Road, there was a good crowd on the Kowloon A.F.C. ground when the following teams lined out:

Kowloon — Goal: Angus, Backs: Wheeler, Dodson, Half Backs: Hedley, McElroy, Miles, Forwards: Pile, May, Northeim, Ternan, Eastman.

H.M.S. "Titania" — Goal: Brockman, Backs: Barkham, Baker, Half Backs: Yard, Farlowe, Richardson, Forwards: Balcombe, Benton, Kernick, Herbert, Honey.

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ENGLISH LEAGUE.

With Northeim at centre the Kowloon officials must get inside forwards, as on the form of this match the inside forwards were the weakest part of the team. As a friendly match the football displayed was very bright and spectators were rewarded with a fine game.

H.K. CLUB v. K.O.S.B. RES.

Owing to unforeseen circumstances, the Hong Kong Club could not raise a full team for their match with the K.O.S.B. Reserves, therefore they cancelled the match.

SOUTH CHINA "A" v. KUNG WOO.

This game was to take place on St. Joseph's ground on Saturday, but owing to the South China team failing to put in an appearance, Kung Woo claimed the points.

CHINA ATHLETIC v. MOSLEMIS.

Owing to only half of the Moslemis team turning up, this match did not take place.

HOME SOCCER.

SCOTTISH CUP AND LEAGUE RESULTS.

COWDENBEATH'S DOZEN.

First Round.

Beith 1, Airdrieonians 4.
Raith Rov. 4, Aberdeen 3.
Alloa Ath. 2, Fraserburgh 0.
Vale o' Leve 1, Leith Arms 2.
Albion Rov. 5, Glasgow Uni. 1.
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HOLIDAY CRICKET.

UNIVERSITY 2ND WIN AGAIN.

One match in the senior division and three in the junior comprised the cricket League programme on Saturday.

Considerable interest was centred around the holiday fixture between the Hong Kong C.C. and the United Services. The latter completed one-innings and set the Club the stiff proposition of making 261 runs. This match, which continued yesterday morning, will be held again to-day.

The Craigengower C.C. captured the full three points at the expense of the Royal Artillery in the first division.

The University second eleven won another match. With six victories in as many matches, they are now hard to overtake as they have already accounted for several of the best teams in the junior section. Club de Recreio easily defeated H.M.S. "Tamar," whilst the Civil Service C.C. went down to the Royal Army Ordnance Corps.

League Matches.

Division I.

CRAIGENGOWER C.C. v. R.A.

At Happy Valley, the Craigengower C.C. defeated the Royal Artillery by the narrow margin of seven runs.

Batting first, the home team had lost nine wickets for 71 runs but the "tail" wagged. Y. Abbas and Modi putting on 40 runs for the last wicket.

The Artillerymen made a bold bid for victory, being 18 runs in arrears when the last pair was in. Lt. Musson was top scorer with 27 whilst Capt. Howard, going in last, helped with 23 not out. The bowling of both sides was weak. Oliver's 2 for 18 being the best analysis. Scores:-

Craigengower C.C.

H. P. Lim, st. Fogden, b Musson
A. Kitchell, c Howard, b Leach

E. Zimmern, b Leach 20

G. Abbas, c Leach, b Musson 1

A. M. Omar, c Broadbridge, b Leach 15

D. Fritz, c Glazebrook, b Leach 5

N. Mackay, b Musson 4

Y. Abbas, not out 26

F. Oliver, b Musson 21

F. K. Modi, c Bacon, b Musson 21

Extras 2

Total 172

Bowling Analysis.

O. M. R. W.

Musson 14.4 4 50 5

Leach 13 3 49 5

Howard 1 0 10 0

Royal Artillery.

Mr. Gnr. Fogden, c Mackay, b Hamson 16

B. S. M. Bennett, b Hamson 0

Lt. H. Musson, c & b Hamson 27

Sgt. Leach, c Mackay, b Fritz 6

Gur. Bacon, c Oliver, b Fritz 12

Lt. Miller, c S. Abbas, b Fritz 0

B. S. M. Broadbridge, c Y. Abbas 8

Br. Hole, c Oliver 0

Sgt. Glazebrook, b Oliver 0

Lt. Hall, b Fritz 2

Capt. Howard, not out 23

Extras 5

Total 104

Bowling Analysis.

O. M. R. W.

Hamson 9 1 35 3

Fritz 14 2 46 5

Oliver 5 0 18 2

Division II.

VARSITY 2ND v. NAVY 2ND.

At Poloclub, the University 2nd defeated the Royal Navy 2nd by four wickets.

Although they were set with the respectable total of 157, the winners rose to the occasion and passed their opponents' score for the loss of six wickets.

The Navy started poorly, in spite of Lt.-Comdr. McNair's well-played innings of 53. The last-wicket partnership, however, added 65 runs, Lt.-Comdr. Majendie (last man in) claiming an undefeated 46. Bowling honours were shared by Sudan (3 for 39), Hipotools (3 for 46) and Gittins (3 for 37).

Thanks to a splendid fifth-wicket partnership in which Hipotools (49) played a great part, the University made the game safe for themselves, as, when the sixth wicket fell, they were only one run behind the visitors' total. Scores:-

C.S.C.C. 2ND XI.

H. F. Harper, b Lake 7

R. R. Davies, c Gordon, b Hale 0

H. E. Strange, l.b.w., b Hale 4

A. W. Grimmitt, c Gordon, b Hale 0

W. H. Edmonds, b Hale 14

Sub-Lt. Lonsdale, c Lee, b Hipotools 0

Lt.-Comdr. Pears, c Barnes, b Hipotools 4

Sgt.-Lt. Bingham, b Sudan 5

Lt. Thurston, b Sudan 2

P. O. Orchard, c Kermani, b Hipotools 9

Lt.-Comdr. Moore, c Lake, b Gittins 6

E. R. A. Sparrow, st. Kermani, b Gittins 10

P. O. Woods, run out 0

C. P. O. Winter, b Gittins 46

Lt.-Comdr. Majendie, not out 16

Extras 16

Total 157

Bowling Analysis.

O. M. R. W.

Sudan 10.3 1 39 3

Lee 5 1 16 5

Gittins 7 0 37 3

Cham Fook 1 0 4 0

K. T. Lake, not out 4

Extras 4

Total 94

Bowling Analysis.

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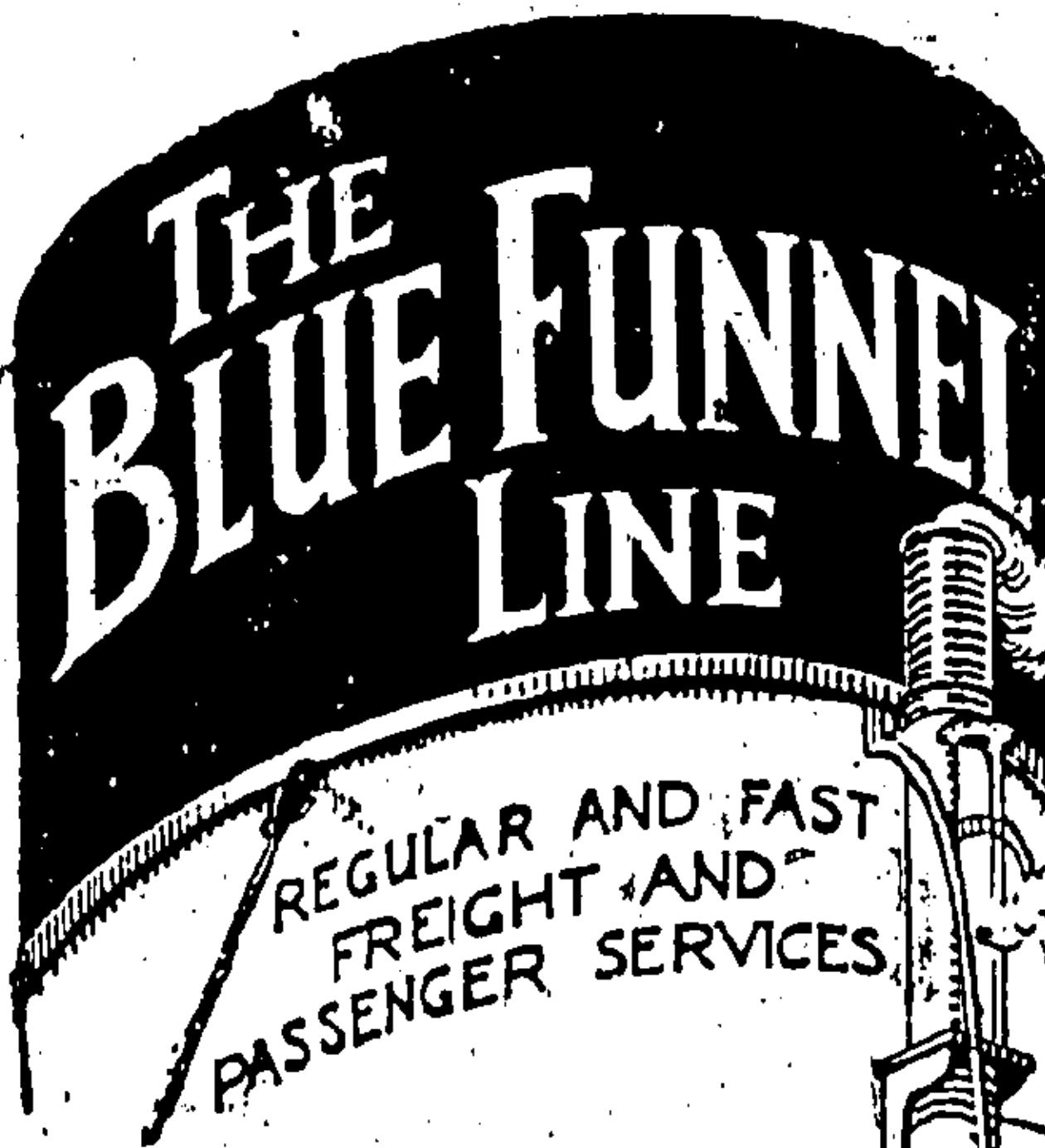
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PAN-AMERICANISM.

Mr. Hughes On U.S.A. Policy.

NO IMPERIALISM.

Mexican Delegation At Conference Springs Surprise.

Mr. Hughes, in a speech at a banquet given by the American Chamber of Commerce in Cuba, declared that the United States was far from harbouring imperialistic designs in Latin America but desired to see south of the Rio Grande independent, strong and prosperous republics. But for the full enjoyment of independence stability was necessary. It was in the cause of stability, and therefore independence, that the United States sent arms of occupation to Santo Domingo, Haiti and Nicaragua.

What America was doing in Nicaragua and the commitments she had made were at the request of both parties and in the interest of peace, order and fair elections.

"We do not desire to stay. We wish Nicaragua to be strong, prosperous and independent. We entered the country to meet an imperative but temporary exigency and we shall retire as soon as possible," he said, and pointed out that the United States withdrew from Santo Domingo and would quit Haiti whenever she had a reasonable expectation of stability there.

Mr. Hughes deprecated any attempt by one group of American Republics to dominate any other and emphasised the American ideals of independence and democracy.—Reuter's American Service.

The Mexican delegation sprung a surprise by announcing its intention to propose the changing of the practice of conferring the chairmanship of the governing body of the Pan-American Union on the United States, substituting an arrangement by which the chairmanship will go by alphabetical rotation to all nations belonging to the Union.

While it is not expected that the Mexican proposal will be adopted (it would end the continuous American chairmanship) the suggestion is a very surprising one, since it has been understood that the efforts of the United States Ambassador in Mexico resulted in an agreement that Mexico would not attempt to embarrass the United States at the conference.

Another Suggestion. The Mexican delegation also suggest rotation for the part of Director-General who has hitherto always been a United States citizen; also that it be clearly established that in no case shall the Pan-American Union be given political functions.—Reuter's American Service.

Havana, Sunday. The Pan-American conference committee on public international law began its discussion of the recommendation that interference by force of any American country in the internal affairs of another should be prohibited by a multi-lateral treaty, but recognising the "practical difficulties" adopted a resolution recommending in principle that "no State may interfere in the internal affairs of another."

The resolution was quite acceptable to the Americans and the vote was unanimous. Mr. Hughes did not object to open and frank discussion of the United States' Caribbean policy which, he holds, is justified by the situation there.—Reuter's American Service.

MRS. W. E. WILSON.

DEATH OF POLICE OFFICER'S WIFE.

We regret to announce the death of Mrs. W. E. Wilson, wife of Inspector Wilson of the Hong Kong Police, which took place on Sunday in the Victoria Hospital.

The funeral took place yesterday afternoon.

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HOGMANAY RIOT.

Seaforth Highlanders At Aldershot.

COMRADE ARRESTED.

Soldiers, Led By Sergeant, Storm Police Station.

London, Jan. 2. The Aldershot police station was stormed to-day by a furious group of 1st Seaforth Highlanders, who were incensed at the arrest of a comrade during a disorderly celebration of Hogmanay.

The soldiers occupied the police station yard and smashed windows, making repeated assaults on the police and defying their officers. They only withdrew to the barracks after the police, with great coolness, had placed a cordon round the station.

A crowd of civilians, whose sympathies were divided, witnessed the uproar.

While returning to the Salamanca Barracks, the Seaforths again denied authority, smashing windows and doing other wanton damage.

A sergeant, who is alleged to have led the attack on the police station, was arrested.

DIET DISSOLVED.

FOLLOWING VOTE OF NON-CONFIDENCE.

JAPAN FOREIGN POLICY.

Tokyo, Saturday. The Diet has been dissolved.

Shantung expedition as an unforgivable blunder.

It has been decided to hold the General Election on February 20 next.—Reuter.

NO Govt. Majority.

Osaka, Saturday. The dissolution of the Diet is welcomed as the proper procedure. The Seiyukai (Government) with 189 votes against the Minseito (Opposition) with 222 votes has no majority in the Diet and therefore Baron Tanaka is unable to carry out his policies.

The Seiyukai's success or failure at the forthcoming elections depend on their ability to secure the vote of the masses who have newly acquired the franchise and show unrest at rising living costs and a tendency to use a new broom.—Reuter.

Special Session.

The law requires a special session to be held within five months. This is expected in April or May.

As the dissolution came before the Budget was passed the current fiscal year's budget is automatically re-enforced. Consequently the special session may probably be very brief, merely passing the Coronation estimates.

The Open Door.

Continuing Baron Tanaka referred to the "marked tendency in different parts of the country repeatedly to violate treaties," which, he said, Japan was unable to overlook.

Referring to Manchuria, he stated: "Maybe it is necessary to take these provinces into special consideration" owing to the vital necessity of maintaining peace and order in a territory so close to Japan, but he promised that Japan would continue to respect and observe the principle of the open door and equal opportunity, and stated they would gladly co-operate with the Chinese authorities and people for the economic development of those regions.

Japan and Armaments.

Touching upon the question of disarmament Baron Tanaka regretted the failure of the three-power conference at Geneva and emphasised that Japan's basic principle is to "contribute to the security of world peace and lightening the burdens on the peoples without losing sight of the safety of our national defence."

Turning to Japan's relations with America Baron Tanaka regretted that the "question of discriminatory legislation against Japanese immigration still remains unsolved" though he was pleased with the mutual understanding between the two peoples, "which is essential to the solution of such questions" and which was gradually increasing.

China Policy.

The Opposition's denunciation of the Government is due to dissatisfaction over the China policy and the measures adopted for the readjustment of the financial and economic situation. It is particularly held that the Government was responsible for the outbreak of the and Japanese movement in China and the Opposition denounced the

DOUBLE TRAGEDY.

Survey Officer Kills Wife and Self.

BROKEN IN HEALTH.

Breaks Out Of Nursing Home At Bangalore.

Bangalore, Jan. 4. A double tragedy of a husband killing his wife and then turning the weapon on himself took place yesterday.

Mr. Ernest Cladius, an officer of the Survey of India, shot Mrs. Cladius, a well-known English woman, and a Christian Scientist, yesterday, at Whitefield Colony, 12 miles from Bangalore.

Her husband's health had broken down badly in the climate of the Andamans, when on survey work in those dense jungles some years ago, and he never fully recovered. He was, in consequence, exempted from field work in India and had lately been a patient at the St. Leonard's Nursing Home, at Bangalore.

He broke away from there early one morning, and yesterday, at noon, he was taken by his wife in their car to Whitefield, to stay with Mr. T. E. M. Cladius, a retired Survey of India officer, and the tragedy occurred quite suddenly at about 4 p.m.

Two Sons.

Bombay, Jan. 5. The husband and wife were known to have lived happily.

They leave two boys, aged 13 and 11, who are at school at Madras.

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Foreign Policy.

Speaking in the Upper House Baron Tanaka outlined the foreign policy, devoting three-fifths of his speech to China.

Deplored the continued disturbances, he pointed out the serious effect from an economic viewpoint and warned that Japan was unable to tolerate any